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SANITARY LEGISLATION.

STATE LAWS AND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO PUBLIC HEALTH.

NEW YORK.

Tuberculosis—County hospitals for care of patients affected with—Admission and care of patients (chap. 239, acts of 1912, adopted Apr. 9, 1912).

SEC. 1. Subdivision 5 of section 48 (see p. 70, Public Health Manual) and section 49-a (see p. 73, Public Health Manual) of chapter 16 of the laws of 1909, entitled "An act in relation to counties constituting chapter 11 of the consolidated laws," as added by chapter 341 of the laws of 1909, are hereby amended to read respectively as follows:

"5. Shall receive into the hospital, under the general direction of the board of managers, in the order of application, any person found to be suffering from tuberculosis in any form who is entitled to admission thereto under the provisions of this chapter; and shall also receive persons from other counties as hereinafter provided. Said superintendent shall cause to be kept proper accounts and records of the admission of all patients, their name, age, sex, color, martial condition, residence, occupation, and place of last employment.

"SEC. 49-a. *Maintenance of patients in the county in which hospital is situated.*—Wherever a patient has been admitted to said hospital from the county in which the hospital is situated, the superintendent shall cause such inquiry to be made as he may deem necessary, as to his circumstances, and of the relatives of such patient legally liable for his support. If he find that such patient or said relatives are able to pay for his care and treatment in whole or in part, an order shall be made directing such patient or said relatives to pay to the treasurer of such hospital for the support of such patient a specified sum per week, in proportion to their financial ability, but such sum shall not exceed the actual per capita cost of maintenance. The superintendent shall have the same power and authority to collect such sum from the estate of the patient, or his relatives legally liable for his support, as is possessed by an overseer of the poor in like circumstances. If the superintendent find that such patient or said relatives are not able to pay, either in whole or in part, for his care and treatment in such hospital, the same shall become a charge upon the county. When any indigent patient shall have been admitted to any such hospital as a resident of the county in which the hospital is located, and it shall be found that such patient has not acquired a settlement within such county under the provisions of the poor law, the superintendent of such hospital shall collect from the county, city, or town in which such patient has a settlement, the cost of his maintenance in such hospital, or may in his discretion return such patient to the locality in which he has a settlement.

Sewer connections—Contracts with other municipalities (chap. 259, an act adopted Apr. 4, 1912).

SEC. 276. *Contracts with other municipalities, sewer districts, etc.*—The board of sewer commissioners may contract for the connection of the sewers thereof with the sewers of another village, or of a town, or city, or of a sewer district established under the